

Listing of Claims:

1-11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic container comprising
(i) a housing assembly with an annular external ridge and (ii) a
cap assembly with an inner cap member engageable with said
annular external ridge, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said inner
5 cap member ~~has~~ comprises:

an upper annular external swell;

a lower annular external swell; and

a wall portion between the upper and lower annular external
swells,

10 wherein said wall portion ~~being~~ is elastically deformable to
provide air-tight engagement with said annular external ridge
when said housing assembly is capped with said cap assembly,

wherein said lower swell ~~being formed to have~~ comprises a
wavy periphery with tops and bottoms in radial cross-section and
15 ~~acting~~ acts as a first stopper for preventing removal of said cap
assembly from said housing assembly, and ~~whereas~~

wherein said upper swell ~~comprising~~ comprises an endless
continuous ring and ~~acting~~ acts as a second stopper for
preventing excessive insertion of said housing assembly into said
20 cap assembly.

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13. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The cosmetic container according to claim 12, wherein said ~~lower swell has a wavy periphery comprising peripheral cross-section of said lower swell comprises~~ a continuous ~~curved edge having regularly repeated tops and bottoms~~ winding line wherein the tops and bottoms periodically alternate.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The cosmetic container according to claim 12, wherein said wavy periphery of said lower swell is formed as a milled edge, ~~having regularly repeated~~ and the tops and bottoms regularly repeat.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The cosmetic container according to claim 12, wherein said wavy periphery of said lower swell is formed as a series of arcs ~~of said~~ having a same diameter.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The cosmetic container according to claim 12, wherein at least one ~~or more of~~ longitudinal ~~projections are~~ projection is formed on ~~the~~ an outer surface of said inner cap member, ~~which~~ so as to extend downward from said lower annular external swell to substantially a lower end of said inner cap member.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The cosmetic container according to claim 16, wherein at least one longitudinal ~~projections extend~~ projection extends from top portions of said wavy periphery of said lower swell.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The cosmetic container according to claim 16, wherein said at least one longitudinal ~~projections extend~~ projection extends from bottom portions of said wavy periphery of said lower swell.

Claims 19-41 (Canceled).

42. (New) The cosmetic container according to claim 13, wherein the wavy periphery in radial cross-section of the lower swell includes at least one straight-extending segment.